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SUBJ: TIMOR GROUPS IN LISBON AND ALLEGED ATROCITIES

REF: LISBON 2280 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: TWO TIMORESE GROUPS, RESIDENT IN LISBON, CALLED FOR SELF-DETERMINATION FOR TIMOR BUT DID NOT TAKE A POSITION ON ALLEGED INDONESIAN ATROCITIES. END SUMMARY.

1. UDT DELEGATE: MOISES DA COSTA AMARAL, THE TIMORESE DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDT) DELEGATE IN LISBON, WROTE TO THE EMBASSY REGARDING THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY DELEGATION'S VISIT TO THE US. AMARAL, WHO HAS BEEN IN PERSONAL AND LETTER CONTACT WITH EMBOFFS FOR OVER A YEAR, CONDEMNED "THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY FRETELIN." REGARDING ALLEGED INDONESIAN VIOLENCE, AMARAL STATED THAT SUCH VIOLENCE IS "NATURAL TO ANY WAR" AND "RESERVED" THE UDT POSITION IN VIEW OF "THE CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION UDT HAS RECEIVED ON THE SUBJECT." AMARAL DISAVOWED ANY ASSOCIATION WITH DUNN'S INITIATIVE. HE CALLED FOR
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TIMORESE SELF-DETERMINATION AND PREFERENTIAL RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. AMARAL HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY IN LATE 1975 OUT OF CONCERN OVER PROGRESS OF FRETELIN. HE LATER CONTACTED US TO EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT INDONESIANS HAD NOT PERMITTED SELF-DETERMINATION IN TIMOR.

2. COMMITTEE OF TIMOR REFUGEES: FRANCISCO FERNANDES OF

THE COMMITTEE OF TIMOR REFUGEES, LOCATED OUTSIDE LISBON, WROTE
THE EMBASSY SUPPORTING THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION'S INITIATIVE
IN APPEALING TO THE US TO END THE CONFLICT IN EAST TIMOR WITH
FULL RESPECT FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND
THE FREEDOM OF PEOPLES. FERNANDES SAID THERE WERE 100,000
DEAD IN THE TIMORESE CONFLICT. HE AFFIRMED TIMOR'S RIGHT
TO "SEFL-DETERMINATION" AND INTENTION TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY
TIES WITH INDONESIA. FERNANDES'S LETTER DID NOT COMMENT
SPECIFICALLY ON DUNN'S CHARGES OF INDONESIAN ATROCITIES
(LETTERS BEING POUCHED TO EA/IMS).
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